# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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VARIETIES OF COTTON SEEDS AND SUGARCANE
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Indian Scientists are engaged in research to develop better varieties of cotton seeds and sugarcane saplings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these varieties are likely to be made available to farmers?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and 21 centres of the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project located at different State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and two national institutes, namely Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI), Coimbatore and Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow alongwith 20 centres of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane located at different SAUs in the country are engaged in research to develop improved varieties of cotton and sugarcane, respectively. The development of improved varieties/hybrids is a continuous process. However, during the last five years, 52 varieties/hybrids of cotton and 17 varieties of sugarcane have been developed and released for cultivation in different states of the country.

(c) The seed of many improved varieties/hybrids is being produced by various seed producing agencies and are made available to farmers. However, the seed of recently released varieties is in the seed production chain and certified quality seed will be available to farmers in 3 to 4 years time.